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FORWARD

That—

you, the friends, of the class
of 1940, may read of the ex-
ploits and adventures of ours
and the results of our labor we
submit this Keen Keener of '40.

DEDICATION

To our parents and the faculty
who have helped us through
trials and troubles, we dedicate
this annual.





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OUR SCHOOL

Having the privilege of beginning our high school days in the new building, we seniors of 1940, wish to call to the attention of the readers of this annual, some of the improvements made in the past year.

Since 1936, our school has held a continuous commission granted by the State Board of Education, which commission places it in the upper bracket of consolidated schools.

During the past year the desks in the Assembly were refinished and new chairs and typing tables were added to the commerce room. The students are very proud of these improvements and will endeavor to keep them in good condition.

GRADE SCHOOL FACULTY

Front row left to right:

MISS TERSA MAE DEHAAN—Fourth Grade, Purdue U., I. S. T. C.

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MISS PANSY J. ORSBURN—Fifth Grade, Central Normal

MRS. MARTHA MOSIER—Third Grade, Central Normal

ALMA AKERS

"Pill" Etiq. 3;
Chorus 1, For.
Corres. 2.

ROSE ANDER-
SON "Rosie" Eti.
3, 4; Lib. 3, 4; Sec.
3; Chorus 1-4.

CLARENCE BO-
EZEMAN "Bud-
dha" Etiq 3; Athl.
2-4; Baseball 1-4;
Basketball 1-4;
Treas. 1; Pres. 2;
Lib. 3; K.K. Staff
"Apple Bl. Time"

HARRY BOER
"Barry" Etiq. 3;
Athl. 1; Lib. 4

ANGELINE

CLARK "Sun-
shine" For. Cor-
res. 4; Band 2, 3;
Chorus 1-3; "Ap-
ple Blossom Time"

RUTH DEXTER
"Hap" Etiq. 3;
Chorus 1 For. Cor-
res. 2

GERRIT GREV-
ENSTUK "Gravy"
Athl. 1-4; Etiq.
3; Lib. 3, 4; K. K.
Staff Basketball
2-4; Baseball 2-4;
Track 3, 4; Band
2-4; Chorus 1-4
"Apple Bl. Time"
"Spooky Tavern."

RUBY MYERS
"Gracie" Etiq. 2,
3; Athl. 1, 2, 3, 4;
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4;
Treas. 1; "Spooky
Tavern"

SENIOR CLASS
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MILDRED HOFF-
MAN "Babe" Etiq
2; Athl. 1-4; Chor-
us 1-4; "Apple
Blossom Time"
"Spooky Tavern."

ROBERT HUHN
"Bob" Athl. 1, 3;
Pres. 2, 4; V. Pres.
3; K. K. Staff
Baseball 1-4; Bas-
ketball 1-4; Track
1-4; Stud't Coun-
cil 3, 4; "Apple
Blossom Time"
"Spooky Tavern"

MARIE INT-
VELD; "Marie"
Chor. 1-4; Band 2

CHARLES

MOOLENAAR
"Chuck" Athl. 1,
2, 3; K. K. Staff
Chorus 1-4; Base-
ball 2-4; Basket-
ball 1, 4; Track 2,
3, 4; V. Pres. 4;
Student Council
4; Band 2-4; "Ap-
ple Blm. Time"
"Spooky Tavern"

CARL PUNTER
"Bud" Ath. 3; Ch.
2; Baseball 2-4
Basket ball 2;
"Spooky Tavern"
SELMA RECKER
"Sally" Etiq. 3;
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Athl. 3, 4; Lib. 2,
3, 4 Treas. 3, 4; V.
Pres. 2 Student
Council 3, 4

WILLIAM ROW-
EN "Bill" Etiq. 3;
Athl. 2, 3, 4 For.
Cor. 1; Photo 1,
K. K. Staff; Band
2, 3, 4; Chorus 1-
4; Pres. 3; "Apple
blossom Time"
"Spooky Tavern"

LEONARD

STORY "Story"
Eti. 3; Athl. 2, 3;
Chor. 2, 4; Band
2, 3; Basketball 2,
4; Track 2, 3, 4,
"Spooky Tavern"
DOROTHY SYTS-
MA "Dot" Etiq. 3,
4; For Cor. 2; Lib.
3, 4; Chorus 1-4.

ANNA TOPPEN
"Blondie" Athl. 1;
Chor. 1-4; Band 2-
4; "Ap. Bl. Time"

"Spooky Tavern"
JOHANNA VAN
KLEY "Jo" Etiq.
3, 4; Athl. 3; For
Cor. 2; Sec. 4; K.
K. Staff; Chorus 1
-4; Lib. 2-4; "Ap-
ple Bloss'm Time"

DORA WRIGHT
"Dodo" Etiq. 2;
Chorus 1-4; Athl.
1, 2, 3; V. Pres. 1;
"Ap. Blm. Time"

"Spooky Tavern"
HELEN ZECK
"Zeck" Athl. 2, 3,
4; Ch 1; Eti. 3,
Band 2-4; Treas. 2;
K. K. Staff "Ap-
ple Blm. Time"
"Spooky Tavern"



ALMA AKERS



WILLIAM ROWEN



ROSE ANDERSON



HARRY BOEK



RUTH DEATER



HELEN ZECK



ANGELINE CLARK



GERRIT GREVINSTUK



MILDRED HOFFMAN



CARL PUNTER



DORA WRIGHT



CLARENCE BOEZEMAN



JOHANNA VAN KLEY



ROBERT HUHN



RUBY MYERS



MARIE INT YELD



DOROTHY SYTSMA



CHARLES MOOLENAAR



ANNA TOPPEN



EGONET OOMEN



ANNA MEEUS





SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

By Harry Boer

Information! Here it is!

In the year 1936 a group of 27 students enrolled in DeMotte High School to increase their knowledge by acquiring a better and more valuable education. And so we decided as did Longfellow in one of his little poems to leave our footprints behind us on the sands of time.

During our first year we were guided by our sponsor, Mrs. Bernard and chose as our class officers, Robert Huhn, president; Dora Wright, vice president; Clarence Boezman, secretary; and Ruby Myers, treasurer. We chose green and gold as our class colors and "Green But Not Fresh" as our class motto, and we will truly say that we were green but still not fresh.

Some weeks later, the Seniors initiated us into high school life and shortly thereafter a wiener roast was held in Grevenstuck's woods. On December 11, our class presented an Indiana Day program, and a replica of the Indiana state banner was made and presented to the high school.

Of the 27 pupils who had enrolled as Freshmen, 26 answered the roll call the next fall. We again chose Mrs. Bernard as our sponsor. This year Clarence Boezeman was elected president; Selma Recker, vice president; Doris Frame, secretary and Helen Zeck, treasurer. Blue and silver were chosen for the class colors and our motto was, "Forward Ever, Backward Never."

We sponsored a Thanksgiving Day Program also had two parties; a wiener roast and a watch party held at the home of our sponsor.

During our Junior year 4 students decided to equitate, so only 22 members enrolled that fall. We chose as our sponsor, Miss Hewitt. We chose as our president, William Rowen; vice-president, Robert Huhn; secretary, Rose Anderson; and as our treasurer, Selma Recker. Our motto was "Character Is The Key To The Door Of Success", and old rose and silver were our class colors.

On December 13, the class presented a three-act comedy play, "In Apple Blossom Time".

The proceeds of the play were used in financing a trip for the Juniors that spring. We also ordered our class rings as a remembrance of our high school days.

The following year 21 students enrolled so that they might finish their high school careers as Seniors. We again chose as our sponsor, Miss Hewitt, and elected Robert Huhn as our president; Charles Moolenaar, vice president; Johanna Van Kley, secretary, and Selma Recker, treasurer. We chose blue and gold for our class colors and we adopted as our class motto, "Either Find a Path or Make One".

The play, "Spooky Tavern", a mystery farce, was presented February 27, and so we are planning to publish the fifth volume of the Keen Keener.

And now as we go on our several ways, may we not think that we have achieved all, for we have but yet begun, but may we in departing leave behind us, our footprints on the sands of time.

Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then be up and doing,
With heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

CLASS PROPHECY

I, Mildred Hoffman, am just returning from Italy where I have been taking health treatments since shortly after graduation in 1940. I am now seated in a large airplane bound for Chicago from London. I'll turn on this television set. Well for goodness sakes! Look who that is. Why it's Bob Huhn. I didn't know he was a reporter. I think I'll listen. Sh! he's talking. . . .

"Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. This is your Globe correspondent broadcasting from New York City, New York. Tonight as on this night of April 23 for each of the past seven years, I'll put all war news and others in the back seat and tell you what my classmates of ten years ago are doing now. You know ten years brings a lot of changes in one's life, so I do this every year.

"The first one is a surprise to me, you, and everyone. It concerns Gerrit Grevenstuk. You all know him, the fastest man on four wheels. Well he just broke another record. He told me this morning that he is married. I asked who the lucky girl was, and he told it was Rose Anderson, that they had been married since June last year. I didn't think Gerrit could keep a secret that long. Rose, as you know, is Secretary to Edsell Ford of the Ford Corporation in Detroit. Well, Mr. Ford loses a secretary and Mr. Grevenstuk finds a wife.

"A report came from the airport a few hours ago that Anna Toppen has taken off on a cross country flight. She is also trying to set a new speed record.

"Mr. Charles Moolenaar was slightly injured late last night while returning home from southern Indiana where he is employed as manager of the Cheever Dredge Company, Inc. He seems to have done all right for himself and his wife.

"An article concerning two more of my chums was just handed to me. It reads: "The Tutti Frutti Ice Cream Co. was purchased by Miss Dora Wright and Miss Ruby Myers. The company has offices in Chicago, New York, Atlanta, New Orleans, San Francisco, and smaller cities throughout the country." It seems to me that I remember back in 1939 about their taking ice cream from small children on the street in DeMotte. That incident must have inspired them with the manufacturing idea.

"Marie IntVeld and Dorothy Systma have signed a contract with the Columbia Studio and are now the highest paid comedienues on the screen.

"Now, we'll find out what Carl Punter has been doing. He is managing the "Punter Punsters". His special attraction is Bill Rowen, the fattest man in the world, who weighs one thousand pounds and keeps Carl almost broke trying to feed him. Well, Bill always wanted an easy job with large meals.

"Here is a sports item: Leonard Story broke the world's record in the mile again last night, in Chicago. It is said that if he doesn't get some real competition soon, he's going to become a race horse.

"Also in the sports flash is a note about Clarence Boezeman and his wife Helen. It says that he is about to sign a contract to play baseball with the Yankees. He must be good to get a contract with them, But he always was good at catching.

"Looking down DeMotte way, we find that the Rev. Harry Boer and his wife, Selma, are returning to their church in DeMotte after a trip to Holland. I never thought Harry could find enough courage to ask anyone to marry him, but stranger things have happened; for instance, this article says: Quote: The National Publishing Co. announces that more issues of THE MAN WHO STAYED AWAY have been published than any other in history. The co-authors are none other than Alma Akers and Ruth Dexter. "Unquote."

"Another flash from my reporter friend, Miss Angeline Clark, came through concerning Nurse Johanna Van Kley. Miss Van Kley is on a very important case. She is nurse to a millionaire in New York. Some progress, I would say. Miss Angeline Clark is one of the best reporters in America.

"My time is up but you have again heard from each one. Will see you again next year.

"73 and goodnight!"

"THE CLASS WILL"

We, the class of 1940, in individual and distant past, being about to pass out of this sphere of education in full possession of a crammed mind, well trained memory, and almost superhuman understanding, do make and publish this, our last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills or promises by us at any time heretofore, or mayhap, carelessly spoken, one to the other, as the thoughtless.

To Mr. Ewart—A senior class that will not cause him as much anxiety as we have.

To Mr. Llewellyn—An English class that knows their prepositions.

To Miss Slocum—A geometry class that will know their arcs and chords.

To Mr. Ely—A wide awake agriculture class.

To Mrs. Bernard—A Home Economics class that can boil water without burning it.

To Mr. Jarrett—A band that will follow directions.

And last but not least of our high school teachers and also to our sponsor.

To Miss Hewitt—Nothing as she has everything necessary for a perfect life.

1. Rose Anderson wills her quiet and calm ways to Cascy. Casey can sit still now.
2. Selma Recker leaves her act of mastering details to Shirley Stroup. May she use it for a good purpose.
3. Clarence Bushman leaves his ambition of getting the girl he wants to Chris Walstra. May Chris have as much luck as Buddha.
4. Bill Rowen wills some of his fatness to Grace Terpstra. Wonder if she will be as proud of it as Bill is.
5. Charles Moolenaar wills his musical ability to Genevieve Kooy. May swing come out in full.

6. Marie Int Velt wills her speediness that was willed to her last year to Jack Evans. May we really have some speed next year.
7. Anna Toppen wills her ambition to wave hair to Anna Boezeman, who knows this may get Herbert sure.
8. Alma Akers and Ruth Dexter will their black hair and eyes to Gertrude Mak. May this make her even more beautiful than she is.
9. Helen Zeck leaves her giggles to Jennie Nannenga—hoping she will use them more wisely than Helen has in the past.
10. Gerrit Grevenstuk wills his ability to get Helen Zeck to Bill Orsburn. Although, "Bill, that's just for a short time," says Gerrit.
11. Ruby Myers wills her bossiness to Jean Barry. May Dora have a rest.
12. Leonard Story leaves his speediness in track to Wayne Oliver. We're hoping we'll see his name in headlines.
13. Carl Punter wills his Confucius sayings to Virgil Barker. May Virgil get as many laughs as Carl gets out of them.
14. Robert Huhn wills his interest in Mary Lou to Kenneth Zeck. Who knows this may work out. What, Charles?
15. Harry Boer wills his studious ways and quietness to Margaret Bahler. "I'm sure both will help her a lot".
16. Angeline Clark bestows her ability to blush to Gerald Knip. Or does Gerald blush NOW?
17. Dora Wright wills her ability to get bookkeeping to Robert Recker. Sorry, Robert, but you're not getting much in this will.
18. Dorothy Sytsma and Johanna Van Kley will to Charlie White their ability to return their report cards signed. It's better late than never, Charlie.
19. Mildred Hoffman doesn't will anything, as high school has taken everything out of her.

SENIOR CLASS POEM

By Rose Anderson

Right now I'll introduce to you,
Our Senior class and sponsor, too,
And let you know of each one's trait,
Just now before they graduate.

First meet Miss Hewitt, our sponsor is she,
As good a sponsor as any could be,
She guided us nicely all the way through,
And we'll not forget her when we say "adieu."

Clarence is a tall, broad athlete,
Without him the team would not be complete,
Sleeping in class is his profession,
He comes to class without his lesson.

The next one is Alma, a Senior fair,
With dark brown eyes and dark brown hair,
She is very fond of a Dutch boy named Bob,
At the very thought of him, her heart does throb.

Well here's Bob, our president,
He is just another gent
Who likes ball-playing very well,
And also thinks Mary Lou is "swell".

A girl like Selma is hard to find,
She is so studious, good, and kind,
The best of pal and the best of friend,
And of the A's she makes—there is no end.

Here is for Angeline, who doesn't shirk,
She says she likes to be a clerk,
Good luck to her in work or play,
We hope she gets her wish some day.

It's leap year, Gerrit, so watch your step,
For the girls are lively and full of pep,
But, you needn't worry, you needn't fret,
With a girl on the string like Helen Zeck.

Dora is as bright as a flower in May,
May her life be always happy and gay,
Says she: "Let's hurry and get the lesson done,
I'd rather go out and have some fun."

Charles Moolenaar, we really mean,
Would make a star on any team,
His like would sure be hard to find,
Three cheers for him at any time.

Good-natured Bill is everywhere around,
He comes like a Santa, "down with a bound,"
A sweet little Miss, we hope he meets,
For he is so generous with his treats.

Next is a girl so fair and bright,
Anna is her name, you guessed it right,
She dislikes bookkeeping very much,
Prefers waving and setting hair and such.

Mildred is very pretty and smart,
Lucky the boy who captures her heart,
In the Junior and Senior plays she was seen,
Moving about like a stately queen.

We all know a boy with Harry's knowledge,
Is bound to succeed in school or college,
For he does his work so very well,
What he aims to be, you never can tell.

Ruby is a girl we all like well,
What's on her mind one never can tell,
A girl with whom we hate to part,
For with her song she captured our heart.

"Chords and arcs" are the same to Marie,
For she dislikes Geometry,
She also finds Civics hard to do,
But that doesn't seem to make her blue.

Leonard is a boy who is always polite,
You never see him scrap or fight,
And with his manners so and so,
He really ought to be somebody's beau.

We also have with us a student who
Never finds her schoolwork hard to do,
Rose is another fair-haired lass,
And a member of the Senior class.

Ruth is next, now if you please,
She likes the girls and boys to tease,
A belt or zip she'll pull them all,
But doesn't mean any harm at all.

No matter whom you ever meet,
A girl like Dorothy is hard to beat,
As a pal and chum, she sure is "swell,"
And it brings us a tear to bid her farewell.

We should all be cheerful like Johanna Van Kley,
Then maybe we would be happy some day,
Good-natured and smart, all traits combined,
We surely ought to be doing fine.

Before this poem comes to an end,
There is a girl, she is Gerrit's friend,
Helen, she is, and we all know,
We're sorry to part with her, but we must go.

Last, but not least, is a boy, broad and tall,
Carl, perhaps, is the tallest of us all,
We know that in his quiet way,
He surely will succeed some day.

I'll end this poem with a word to you,
That the Senior class now says "adieu",
Good luck to you in work or play,
We hope we'll meet again some day.

JUNIOR CLASS

Front row—L. to R: Mr. Jarrett, Margaret Bahler, Kenneth Zeck, William Orsburn, Jean Barry. Second row—Anna Boezman, Gertrude Mak, Robert Recker, Shirley Stroup. Third row—Virgil Barker, Charles White, Jennie Nan-ninga, Genevieve Kooy, Jack Evans. Fourth row—Gerald Knip, Cornelius Swieringa, Grace Terpstra, Chris Walstra, Wayne Oliver.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Front row—L. to R: Edith Tysen, Jean Hoffman, Georgia Durant, Kenneth De Fries, Marvin Bernard, Frances Walstra, Tillie De Koker. Second row—Mrs. Bernard, Betty Cornell, Esther Ruisard, Eileen Bailey, Goldie De Koker, Lucille Hudnall. Third row—Elizbeth Woudema, Marcella Schwanke, Mary Lou Cheever, Violet Swisher, Laura Swart, Charlotte Barker. Fourth row—Sue Cox, Herbert Hook, Jennette De Young, Anna Kleinblossom, Warren Cornell, Jeanette Vander Ploeg, Inez De Fries. Fifth row—Arthur Schoonveld, Gertrude Jykstra, Richard Osting, John Van Kley, Fred Zeck, Martha Prais, Maurice Oliver, Malcolm Boezeman.

FRESHMAN CLASS

Front row—L. to R: Bernice Vander Ploeg, Florence Hoffman, Samuel Kingma, Cordelia Kooy, Helen Bailey. Second row—Mr. Ely, Marjorie Konovsky, Dale Schwanke, William Hoffman, Lois Meyers, Ruth Swart. Third row—Hazel Punter, Ruth Moolenaar, Anna Klip, Jane Shuey, Rose Schlarp, Eleanor Hershman. Fourth row—Cornelia Van Keppel, Kenneth Sekema, Clarence Hameetman, Walter Mak, Richard Beetsma, Alice Sytsma. Not present Delpha Heimlich.



JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

Our class is composed of 18 members. Our officers are: Robert Recker, president; Kenneth Zeck, vice-president; Margaret Bahler, secretary; and Chris Walstra, treasurer. We readopted our class colors and class motto of last year. The colors are scarlet and silver and the motto is "Success Comes In Cans, Not Can'ts."

On December 12, we presented a three-act comedy-farce, "Three Days of Grace".

In the spring we plan to entertain the Seniors with a trip from the proceeds of our play.

After the close of school we shall live in anticipation of our return next fall as Seniors.

SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

The sophomore class is made up of 33 members with officers as follows: Arthur Schoonveld, president; Warren Cornell, vice-president; Betty Cornell, secretary; and Sue Cox, treasurer.

Our class colors are blue and silver and our motto is "Sailing On the Sea of Victory; May We Succeed."

Mrs. Bernard is our class sponsor who has struggled one more year with us.

We enjoyed a skating party at Hebron in the late fall and we are still banged up. We are planning for another party in the early spring.

FRESHMAN CLASS HISTORY

On the night of September 29, 1939, twenty-four freshmen were initiated into DeMotte High School.

We had a roller skating party on October 13.

The officers of the freshman class are: Cordelia Kooy, president; Helen Bailey, vice-president; Alice Sytsma, secretary; and Dale Schwanke, treasurer. Our sponsor is Mr. Ely.

Th delegates to the Student Council are Delpha Heimlich and Dale Schwanke.

The class colors are old rose and silver and our motto is "We Build The Ladder By Which We Rise".

Senior Class Play
"SPOOKY TAVERN"

A Mystery Farce in three acts

By Jay Tobias

Presented February 27, 1940

Standing L to R:

Carl Punter, Gerrit Grevenstuk, Dora Wright, Anna Toppen, Ruby Myers. Sitting L to R: Charles Moolenaar, William Rowen, Mildred Hoffman, Robert Huhn, Helen Zeck, Leonard Story. Director, Miss Hewitt.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CLUB

From L to R:

Yell leaders: Jean Hoffman, Margaret Bahler, Sue Cox. First Row: Mildred Hoffman, William Orsburn, Frances Walstra, Gerrit Grevenstuk, Jean Barry, Miss Hewitt. Second Row: Lois Myers, Marjorie Konovsky, Robert Recker, Selma Recker, Warren Cornell, Herbert Hook, Betty J. Cornell. Third Row: Jack Evans, Georgia Durant, Malcolm Boezeman, Gertrude Dykstra, Mavrin Bernard, Helen Zeck, William Rowen.

ETIQUETTE CLUB

From L to R:

Jean Barry, Johanna Van Kley, Shirley Stroup. Second Row: Georgia Durant, Dorothy Sytsma, Mrs. Bernard, Rose Anderson.

CORRESPONDENCE CLUB

From L to R:

First Row: Herbert Hook, Delia Kleinblossom, Mary Lou Ewart, Esther Ruisard, Mr. L'jewellyn. Second Row: Mabel Sekema, Dorothy Story, Violet Swisher, Mary Jane White, Lucille Hudnall. Third Row: Marcella Schwanke, Anna Kleinblossom, Henrietta Kingma, Lois Lageveen, Angeline Clark, Alice Hamstra, Jeanette Vander Ploeg.

Junior Class Play

"THREE DAYS OF GRACE"

A Comedy Farce in three Acts

By Jay Tobias

Standing L to R:

Robert Recker, Chris Walstra, Jack Evans, Wayne Oliver, Jennie Nanninga, Genevieve Kooy. Sitting: Jean Barry, Shirley Stroup, William Orsburn, Gertrude Mak, Margaret Bahler, Kenneth Zeck, Director, Mr. Jarret.



"Spooky Tavern"



Athletic Club



Etiquette Club



Expendance Club



"Three Days of Grace"

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CLUB

This club is made up of twenty members. The officers are: President, Jack Evans; Vice-President, Selma Recker; Secretary-treasurer, Warren Cornell. Our Sponsor is Miss Hewitt.

Its purpose is to promote a spirit of cooperation in all school affairs. The club for the second year has arranged for transportation of students to and from basket ball games away from home.

Some of the activities of the club were the sponsoring of selling of season tickets for home basket ball games, and pencils with the basket ball schedule printed on them.

ETIQUETTE CLUB

A small group of girls were interested in having further instruction in etiquette, a club for this purpose was organized on September 29, 1939. The following officers were elected: Rose Anderson, President; Johanna Van Kley, Vice-president; and Dorothy Sytsma, Secretary-treasurer; Delpha Heimlich, Reporter, Sponsor, Mrs. Bernard.

CORRESPONDENCE CLUB

The former name of this club was known as the Foreign Correspondence Club but due to the conditions of foreign countries, we do not hear very much from them. It is now called correspondence club as we receive letters from all parts of the United States as well as foreign lands. The foreign countries so far heard from are England and Denmark. Several letters have been received from the Western and Southern states. Sponsor, Mr. Llewellyn.

GIRLS GLEE CLUB

Front row—L. to R: Rose Anderson, Marie Int Veld, Cordelia Van Keppel, Georgia Durant, Jennie Nanninga, Genevieve Kooy, and Alice Sytsma. Second row—Tillie De Koker, Dordelia Kooy, Jean Barry, Anna Toppen, Margaret Bahler, Edith Tysen, Anna Kleinblossom and Mr. Jarrett. Third row—Inez De Fries, Eileen Bailey, Ruth Moolenaar, Esther Ruisard and Goldie De Koker. Fourth row—Hazel Punter, Sue Cox, Helen Bailey, Anna Klip, Bernice Vander Ploeg, Dora Wright, Betty Jean Cornell, and Violet Swisher. Fifth row—Dorothy Sytsma, Frances Walstra, Jean Hoffman, Gertrude Dykstra, Grace Terpstra, Martha Pruis, Florence Hoffman, Johanna Van Kley, and Selma Recker. Sixth row—Ruth Harriet Swart, Shirley Stroup, Anna Rozeeman, Marjory Konovsky, Mary Lou Cheever, Lucille Hudnall, Lois Myers, Laura Mae Swart, and Ruby Myers.

BAND

Front Row L to R: Sue Cox, James Bahler, Mildred Black, Shirley Hart, Lucille Hudnall, Genevieve Wright, Richard Osting, and Lois Lageveen. Second Row—Helen Zeck, Mary Lou Ewart, Marjory Konovsky, Evelyn Osting, Calvin Swart, William Rowen, Marvin Bernard, Gerrit Grevenstuk, Jennie Nanninga, Esther Ruisard, Betty Jean Cornell, William Recker, LaVerne DeKock, Charles Moolenaar, Robert Recker, Marilyn Sekema, Jack Evans, James Fieldhouse, and Anna Toppen. Third Row—Gertrude Mak, Shirley Stroup, Mary Lou Cheever, Richard Henricks, Cornelius Sweringa, Mr. Jarrett, Kenneth Zeck, William Orsburn, Arthur Schoonveld, Fred Zeck, Margaret Bahler, Herman Belstra, Chris Walstra. Not Present: Delpha Heimlich.

BOYS GLEE CLUB

Front Row—L to R: Robert Recker, Richard Osting, Sam Kingma, Chris Walstra, Kenneth Zeck, Marvin Bernard, and Claude Mosier. Second Row—Mr. Jarrett, Dale Story, Arthur Schoonveld, Fred Zeck, Charles Moolenaar, John Chrzanowski, and Selma Recker. Third Row—Jack Evans, Leonard Story, Bill Orsburn, Stephen Terpstra, Warren Cornell, Kenneth De Fries. Fourth Row—Herman Belstra, Clarence Hameetman, John Van Kley, Cornelius Sweringa, William Rowen, Robert Lund, and Gerrit Grevenstuk.





GIRLS GLEE CLUB

The Girls Glee Club, consisting of forty-five members, meets on Tuesday of each week. During the first semester the girls have been singing songs from "Collection of Choral Music," by Flammer. After the first semester we began working on the following three songs: "Nightfall", "On the Road to Mandalay", and "I Love a Little Cottage." These songs are being prepared for the Music Festival which will be held April 5. Our Glee Club leader is Mr. Jarrett.

BAND

The DeMotte School Band consists of forty members, who meet twice a week, on Monday and Thursday. It is preparing for the Music Festival, which is to be held at Remington on April 5th, and the District Band Contest at LaPorte, on April 13th. Among the numerous new selections played by the band are "Tintagel Overture," "Grome of the Grotto Overture," "Fortune Overture," "Travela Overture," a few popular marches and songs, and selections from two new band folios. There is also a beginning band consisting of about ten members. These few will graduate into the advanced group in a short time. Both of the bands have for their director Mr. Jarrett.

BOYS GLEE CLUB

The Boys Glee Club was organized this year and very few members started with us. A few have been added from time to time and the club is growing steadily.

The boys have worked on many new songs and much new music. A few have had a little experience before, but the majority of members are out for the first time.

The club had its origin quite a few years ago and has steadily grown in popularity since then. A few of the songs that have been sung are: "We Sail the Ocean Blue," and "Tom Thumb's Drum." The songs that are to be sung at the Music Festival are: "On the Road to Mandalay" and "I Love a Little Cottage". Our Glee Club director is Mr. Jarrett.

KEEN KEENER STAFF

Standing from left to right.

Charles Moolenaar, Malcolm Boezeman, Chris Walstra, Clarence Boezeman, Miss Hewitt, Robert Huhn, Jack Evans, Alice Sytsma, Dale Schwanke.

Sitting from left to right.

Margaret Bahler, Gerrit Grevenstuck, Helen Zeck, William Rowen, Johanna Van Kley, Lucille Hudnal.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council was organized in September 1939. It consists of two members each from the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes, and three from the Senior class. The seventh and eighth grade each have a representative, the purpose of the organization is to help promote school spirit and improve relationship between the pupils and the teachers.

The officers are President, Robert Huhn; Secretary, Selma Recker; and Sponsor Mr. Llwellyn.

Standing from left to right.

Jack Evans, William Orsburn, Charles Moolenaar, Fred Zeck, Alice Hamstra, Dale Schwanke.

Sitting from left to right.

Selma Recker, Mr. Ewart, Robert Huhn, Arthur Schoonveld.

SCHOOL BOY PATROL

To assist the school children in crossing the highways and streets, going to and from school, a School Boy Patrol was organized last year and Mr. Ewart continued it again this year.

The boys are fully equipped with belts, armbands, rain coats and hats, and are doing a nice piece of work.

The parents and school children should and do appreciate the work which they are doing.

The patrol is made up of seventh and eighth grade boys.

Standing left to right, top row.

John Louis Walstra, Captain; Gerrit Van Kepple, Arnold Swart, Stephen Terpstra, La Verne DeKock, George Grevenstuck.

Bottom row.

John Woudema, Jack Shuey, Mr. Ewart, Claude Mosier, and Roy Anderson. Not present: William Ely.





TERM DIARY '39-'40

September—

- 5—First day of school. 'Twas good to see all the kids and teachers altho' some are worried about the future eight months.
- 11—Seniors received class rings. The 1940 graduate class. AHM! Are we proud.
- 12—First baseball game won, at Tefft. DeMotte's victory 11-1.
- 13—Baseball game with North Judson, DeMotte victorious 14-11.
- 15—Baseball game with Wheatfield, DeMotte victorious 9-7.
- 16—Donkey Baseball game sponsored by the Athletic Club. Seemed as though the players didn't even know where first base was.
- 19—DeMotte beats Fair Oaks 7-3.
- 22—DeMotte loses first baseball game to Tefft 1-5.
- 26—Baseball game with Wheatfield, DeMotte victorious 13-4.
- 27—DeMotte beats North Judson 2-1.
- 29—DeMotte beats last soft ball game with Fair Oaks 8-5, thereby winning the softball championship, Hurray for DeMotte.
- 29—Freshman Initiation by the Seniors. Oh the casteroil! (How about the cocoa, Mrs. Jarrett?)

October--

- 10—Fire Prevention Talk and Program. We hope this will prevent DeMotte from having another of the greatest city fires.
- 20—Band Mother Carnival. Everyone was either wearing or eating confetti.
- 26-27—Teacher Institute. Meant two whole days vacation for us.
- 30—4-H Club had Halloween Party. Did you see the ghosts?

November—

- 1—Seniors and Freshmen had T-B Test taken at Wheatfield.
- 14—Basketball game with Wheatfield, first team score was 34-39 in their favor, but we sure put up a good fight. Second Team lost by one point, score 13-12.
- 23-24—Thanksgiving Vacation. We just had to let the turkey and pumpkin pie digest.

December—

- 4—Seniors received name cards. In two days everybody had one.

December—

- 7-8-9—Kankakee Valley Tourney at Wheatfield. First game of Tournament with Gilboa, DeMotte victorious, score 27-13.
- 12—Junior Class Presents, "Three Days of Grace". Made pretty tough competition for the Seniors.
- 18-19—Semester Exams. WHEW! Are we on pins and needles?
- 22—Basketball game with San Pierre, A-Team victorious by a score of 28-25, B-Team won by 22-3. Hurrah! For our side.
- 22—Dismissed for Christmas Vacation. We all need a rest after those exams, don't we kids?

January—

- 8-9-10—Miss Slocum takes flu, (Mrs. Wolff substitutes.)
- 13—Blind Tourney at Fair Oaks.
- 17-18—Mr. Ewart (thinking it was his turn next) took a vacation in bed with the 'flu!
- 17-18-20—Second Team Tournament. DeMotte Victorious.
- 19—School dismissed because of the cold weather and snow. Some hope we have more of that.
- 22—Mr. Jarrett called home to see his mother.
- 23—Second team trophy presented by second team.

February—

- 1—Missionary, Miss Tean Huizinga from Africa spoke to the Assembly. Very interesting.
- 16—Bob Briggs in Assembly. (Very funny)
- 16—Basketball game with San Pierre, DeMotte victorious in both games.
- 20—Basketball game with Tefft, DeMotte victorious in both games.
- 27—Seniors present "Spooky Tavern".

March—

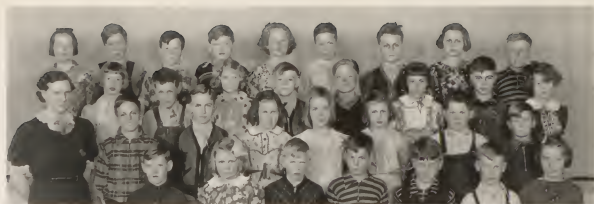
- 29- 1-2—Sectional Tournament at Rensselaer.
- 9—4-H party in gym.

April—

- 5—Jasper County Music Festival at Remington.
- 13—Band Contest at LaPorte. (The band is working hard.)
- 21—Baccalaureate
- 23—Commencement. (Never again.)
- 24—School out. WHOOPEE!









TRACK '39

Our track season started out with Fair Oaks being our first rival. Our boys broke several Northern Jasper County records at this meet. The score was 48-44, DeMotte winning. High scorers were: Huhn 10½ points, and Knip 9½ points.

The next track meet was at Wheatfield and we won again 63½ -49½. High scorers were Huhn 12½ points and Story 7½ points.

At the Northern Jasper County meet, DeMotte proved their superiority by beating three other teams. The scores were: DeMotte 43, Wheatfield 41, Fair Oaks 24, and Tefft 9. High scorers for DeMotte were: Huhn 8½ points, Story 7½ and Knip 5½ points.

SOFTBALL '39 '40

We had a good softball season, winning 7 games and losing only 1. We also won the Northern Jasper County Softball Championship and received a banner.

	We	They		We	They
Tefft	11	1	Tefft	1	5
North Judson	14	11	Wheatfield	13	4
Wheatfield	9	7	North Judson	2	1
Fair Oaks	7	3	Fair Oaks	8	5

BASKETBALL '39 '40

Our basketball team this year was centered on three first team men from last year and former second team players. While the first team won only 7 games, the B team won 17 games and won the B Team Tourney, getting a silver Trophy. We hope for a better first team and another good B team next year.

	1st.	2nd.		1st.	2nd.
	W-T	W-T		W-T	W-T
Remington	18-32	11-21	San Pierre	28-25	22-3
Tefft	22-20	33-9	Hebron	16-21	33-13
Reynolds	27-35	6-9	Kouts	17-16	20-6
Wheatfield	34-39	12-13	Blind Touney Mt. Ayr	35-17	
Griffith	22-24	27-25	Fair Oaks Finals	24-34	
Merrillville	14-27	20-14	Mt. Ayr	30-34	15-21
Mt. Ayr	21-23	23-10	Fair Oaks	27-40	16-14
K. V. T. Gilboa	27-13		Wheatfield	27-28	14-12
K. V. T. Wheatfield	21-29		Kniman (2nd)	6-21	22-20
Kniman		11-21	San Pierre	31-27	17-6
Fair Oaks	19-45	18-16	Tefft	41-32	20-17
Collegeville	8-35		Hebron	24-30	14-9

SOFT BALL

Bottom row l. to r.

Jack Evans, Malcolm Boezeman, Gerrit Grevenstuk,
Mr. Jarret.

Middle row l. to r.

Robert Recker, Robert Huhn, Warren Cornell, Herbert Hook, Fred Zeck.

Top row l. to r.

Carl Punter, Arthur Schoonveld, Clarence Boezeman,
Charles Moolenaar, Kenneth Zeck.

BASKETBALL

Bottom row l. to r.

Malcolm Boezeman, Marvin Bernard, Fred Zeck, Mr. Jarret, Clarence Boezeman, Charles Moolenaar, Gerrit Grevenstuk.

Middle row l. to r.

Robert Recker, Robert Huhn, Jack Evans, Leonard Story, Warren Cornell, William Hoffman.

Top row l. to r.

Virgil Barker, William Orsburn, Richard Osting, John Van Kley, Sam Kingma, Fred Zeck, Clarence Hameetman, Arthur Schoonveld, Maurice Oliver, Herbert Hook.

TRACK—SPRING '39

Bottom row l. to r.

Mr. Jarret, Kenneth Zeck, Gerald Knip, William Hoffman, Malcolm Boezeman, William Orsburn, Virgil Barker.

Second row l. to r.

Arthur Schoonveld, Robert Huhn, Charles White, Leonard Story.

Third row l. to r.

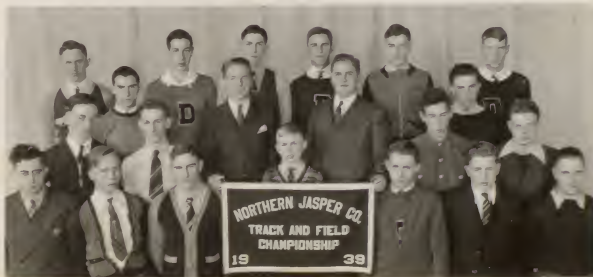
Jack Evans, Gerrit Grevenstuk, William Rowen, Warren Cornell.

Top row l. to r.

Charles Moolenaar, Cornelius Swieringa, Clarence Boezeman, Fred Zeck, John Van Kley, and Wayne Oliver.

Graduated:

Wilmer Kooy, Leonard Mak, Fred Moolenaar, George Suffern. Robert Heimlich.













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Mrs. Bernard: "Leonard have you whispered while I was out of the room?"

Leonard: "Only wunst Ma'am."

Mrs. Bernard: "Shirley, should Leonard say 'wunst'?"

Shirley: "No Ma'am, he should say 'twicet'."

<p>Dora "Ruby wake up."</p> <p>Ruby "I can't."</p> <p>Dora "you can't?"</p> <p>Ruby "No, I'm not asleep."</p>	<p>Compliments of</p> <p>HERM'S</p> <p>BARBER SHOP</p> <p>DeMotte, Indiana</p>	<p>Casey: "I'm going to marry a girl who can take a joke."</p> <p>Peggy: "That's the only kind you could get."</p>
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Marie: "A circle is
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Charles: "Haven't I met you someplace before?"

Mary Lou: "Maybe. Sometimes I get a little careless where I go."

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Chris: "Indian Thummer."

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Angeline: "Is that why you are here?"

Mildred: "Why do Dorothy and Alma hate you so much?"

Harry: "Once I told them they looked alike."

Rose: "Whee, that was a cold examination."

Ruth: "Why, how's that?"

Rose: "My marks went down to zero."

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Mr. Ewart: "My wife hit me over the head with it."

Malcolm: A collision is two things coming together unexpectedly."

Betty Jean: "Give an example."

Malcolm: "Twins."

Mr. Llewellyn: "An echo is the only thing that can cheat a woman out of the last word."

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